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Activities

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'The Day the Earth Smiled' (Page 1)**Instructions:** Read the article "The Day the Earth Smiled".

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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Clues

- _____ Space Agency (ESA)
- The camera on the _____ spacecraft did not need to be shielded from the Sun
- _____ has been orbiting Saturn for nine years
- Huygens was a Dutch mathematician and _____
- The largest planet in the Solar System
- Saturn is named after the Roman god of _____
- Saturn's largest moon
- The _____ 1 spacecraft took the Pale Blue Dot photograph
- _____ is the closest planet to the Sun
- Gas of which Saturn is mostly made

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Pitch drop recorded (Page 12)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Pitch drop recorded'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Heated pitch was used to waterproof wooden boats.		
2. Bitumen is also known as pitch.		
3. A video camera recorded the last pitch drop in Australia in 2000.		
4. Pitch can be made from crude oil.		
5. The drops take one-tenth of a second to form.		
6. Dublin is a city in Australia.		
7. If a lump of pitch (at room temperature) is hit with a hammer it will shatter like glass.		
8. The Dead Sea is on the border between Jordan, Israel and the West Bank.		
9. The oldest pitch drop experiment was set up in 1927.		
10. Water has a higher viscosity than honey.		

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Instructions: Read the article ‘Predator or scavenger?’.

- 1.** Find the key words in the wordsearch below. Words can go in any direction. **2.** Take the first 40 unused letters, starting at the top left-hand corner of the box. **3.** Put these letters into the squares at the bottom of the page to discover the mystery phrase.

P	A	R	G	U	M	E	N	T	C	T	V
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R	N	U	H	S	Z	A	R	S	A	I	T
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M	I	C	N	E	N	G	O	O	E	N	A
B	F	T	L	H	E	A	D	R	S	E	E
S	I	E	N	O	S	A	M	U	I	S	R
S	K	H	U	N	T	E	R	E	Y	C	J
S	C	A	V	E	N	G	E	R	D	A	O

Key words

FORELIMBS	SKELETONS
SCAVENGER	CHICAGO
TAILBONES	CREATURES
ARGUMENT	LIZARD
NICKNAMED	VERTEBRAE
HUNTER	PREHISTORIC

Mystery phrase

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Neptune's new moon (Page 9)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Neptune's new moon'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

Paris

Hubble

Space telescope

Styx

Neptune

France

Galaxy

Proteus

Pluto

Milky Way

Venus

Rocky planet

Triton

Gas giant

Kerberos

Dwarf planet

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Cashmere and snow leopards (Page 5)

Instructions: Read the article 'Cashmere and snow leopards'.
Answer questions 1-8. The first is done for you.

1. I am what the goats eat.

G	R	A	S	S
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2. I am another word for meat-eating animals.

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3. We are a type of wild sheep.

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4. I am a country where farmers keep many goats.

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5. Clothing made from me is expensive.

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6. I have pale fur with dark grey and black spots.

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7. I am the time of the year when goats moult.

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8. I am another name for a plant-eating animal.

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World Map (Page 13)

Instructions: Listed below are 12 countries. Eliminate from the list those countries that appear on the map of the world. You will be left with one country that is not named on the map. That is the answer.

Denmark

Indonesia

Germany

Mexico

Finland

North Korea

Panama

Papua New Guinea

China

Japan

Brazil

Canada

Missing Country =

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World Youth Day (Page 6)**Instructions:** Read the article 'World Youth Day'.

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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Clues

1. Pope _____ is the leader of the Roman Catholic Church
2. Capital of Spain
3. The _____ is the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church
4. _____ towns are mazes of makeshift houses
5. Famous beach in Rio de Janeiro
6. Country of which Buenos Aires is the capital city
7. Dilma _____ is the president of Brazil
8. The pope is also known as the _____ of Rome
9. Language that is spoken in Brazil
10. The 2016 _____ Games will be held in Brazil